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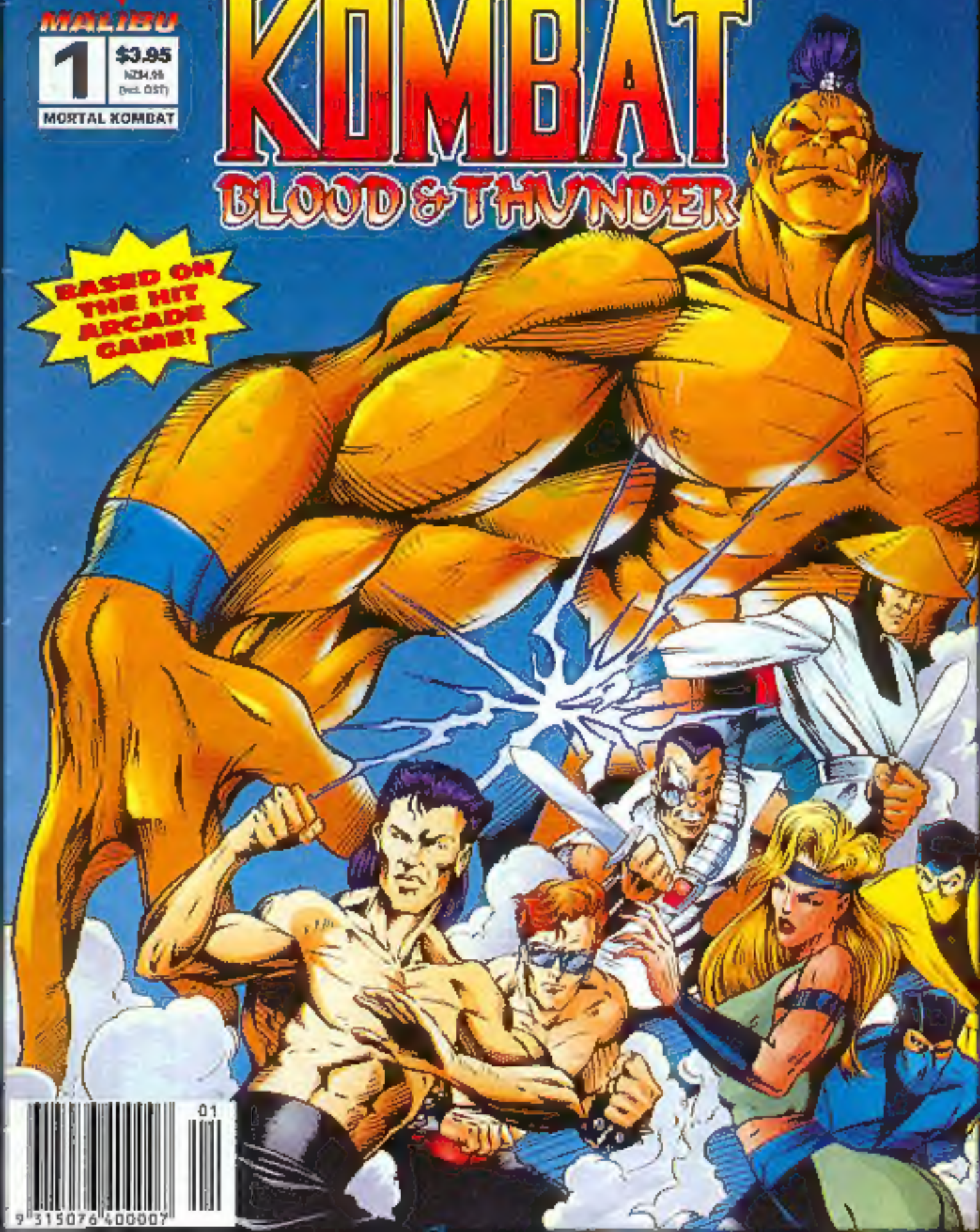
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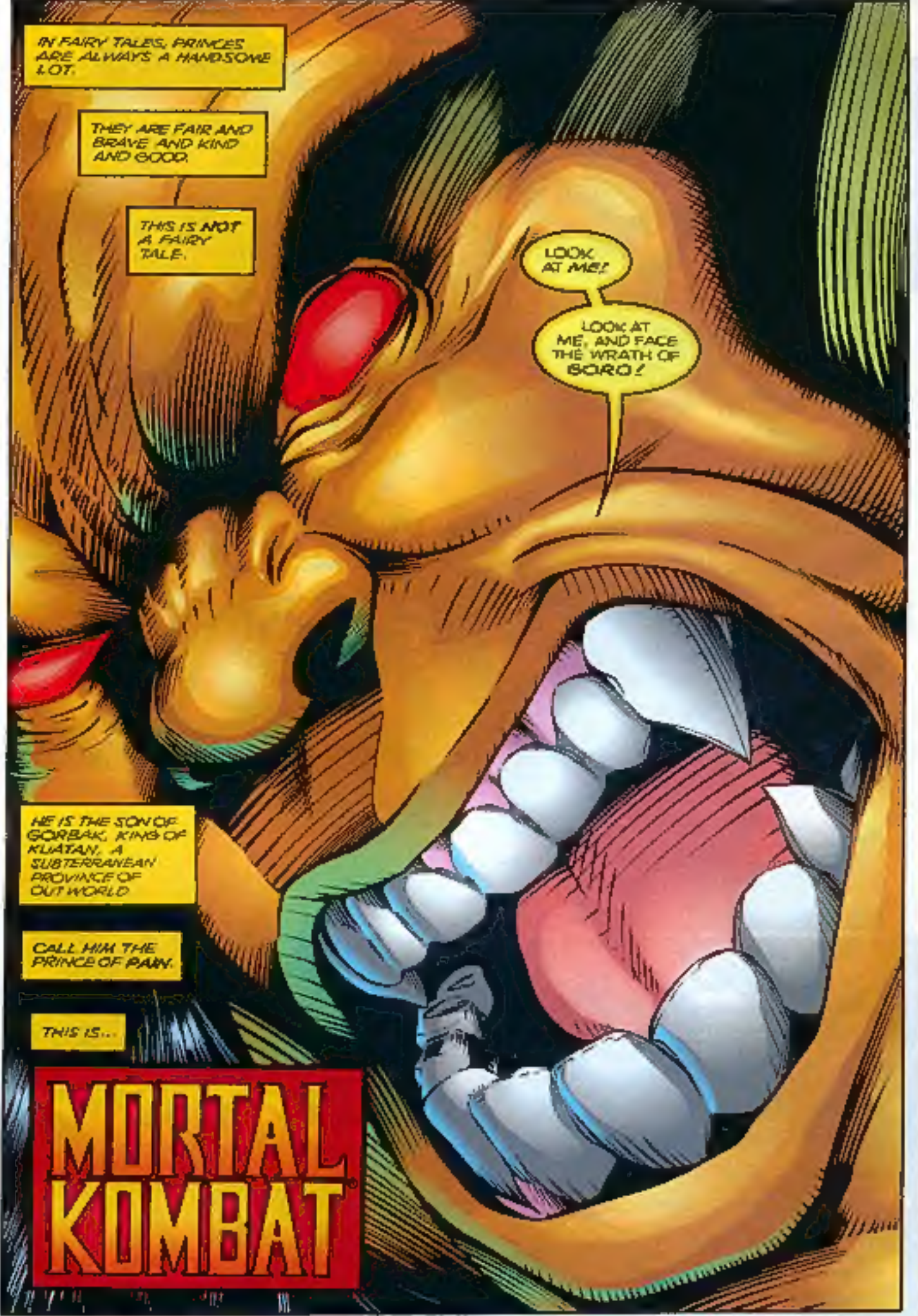
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**BASED ON
THE HIT
ARCADE
GAME!**



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IN FAIRY TALES, PRINCES
ARE ALWAYS A HANDSOME
LOT.

THEY ARE FAIR AND
BRAVE AND KIND
AND GOOD.

THIS IS NOT
A FAIRY
TALE.

LOOK
AT ME!

LOOK AT
ME, AND FACE
THE WRATH OF
BORO!

HE IS THE SON OF
GORBAK, KING OF
KLUTAN, A
SUBTERRANEAN
PROVINCE OF
OUT WORLD.

CALL HIM THE
PRINCE OF PAIN.

THIS IS...

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THE 8'2", 550 LB. GARGANTUAN IS DISCIPLINING THE STAFF...

YOU
THREE HAVE
BEEN LAX IN
YOUR
DUTY.

YOU DO
NOT DESERVE
TO BE GUARDS
FOR SHANG
TSUNG.

ALL YOU
DESERVE IS
DEATH.

DEATH
AT THE HANDS
OF
GORO.

THE GUARDS
OF SHANG TSUNG
MUST BE EVER
VIGILANT.

AAAAHHH!!

EVER
READY.

EVER
RUTHLESS.



YOU MUST REMEMBER EXACTLY WHAT IT IS YOU REPRESENT...
...THE ROYAL GUARDIANSHIP OF THE SHANG TSUNG DYNASTY.



EXCELLENT, GORO, EXCELLENT.

YOU ARE AS ILL-MANNERED AS ALWAYS, MY MONSTROUS SERVANT.



I CAME TO TELL YOU THAT I AM NEAR A BREAKTHROUGH WITH THE TAO TE ZHAN.



YOU HAVE FINALLY OPENED THE BOOK?



NOT YET. BUT THE SIGNS TELL ME THAT I AM DANGEROUSLY CLOSE.

THE TOURNAMENT MAY HAVE TO WAIT.

HONG KONG.

THIS IS WHERE
IT BEGINS.

A JOURNEY THAT WILL
LEAD TO THE GREATEST
CONTEST EVER.

THE CALL HAS GONE OUT,
AND THE WORLD'S MOST
PROFICIENT FIGHTERS
HAVE ANSWERED.

THEY KNOW THAT THE
OUTCOME FOR MOST
OF THEM WILL BE--
AT BEST--BROKEN
LIMBS AND--AT WORST--
DEATH.

THEY UNDERSTAND
THAT THIS IS NOT
A GAME.



A Slow Boat to China

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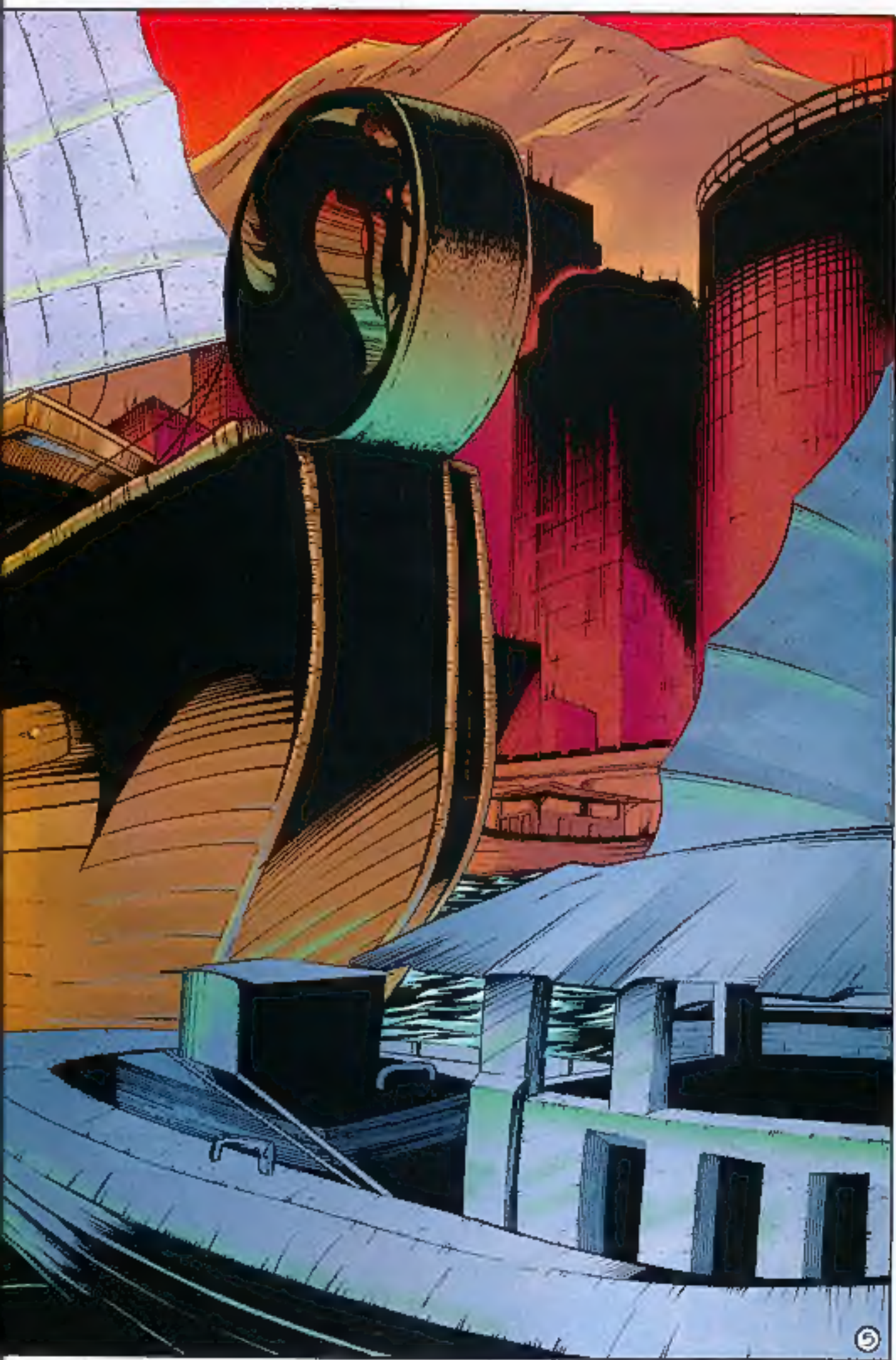
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CLOSE BY: ONE OF HOLLYWOOD'S BIGGEST STARS MAKES AN APPEARANCE.

THIS IS CRAZY. YOU COULD REALLY GET HURT.

OK, PEOPLE ARE GOING TO GET HURT. THAT'S FOR SURE.

BUT IT WON'T BE JOHNNY CAGE.

AND AFTER I WIN THE TOURNAMENT, WE'LL MAKE A BLOCKBUSTER MOVIE ABOUT IT.

IT'S NUTS, JOHNNY. LOOK AT THAT PIECE-A-JUNK BOAT OUT THERE.

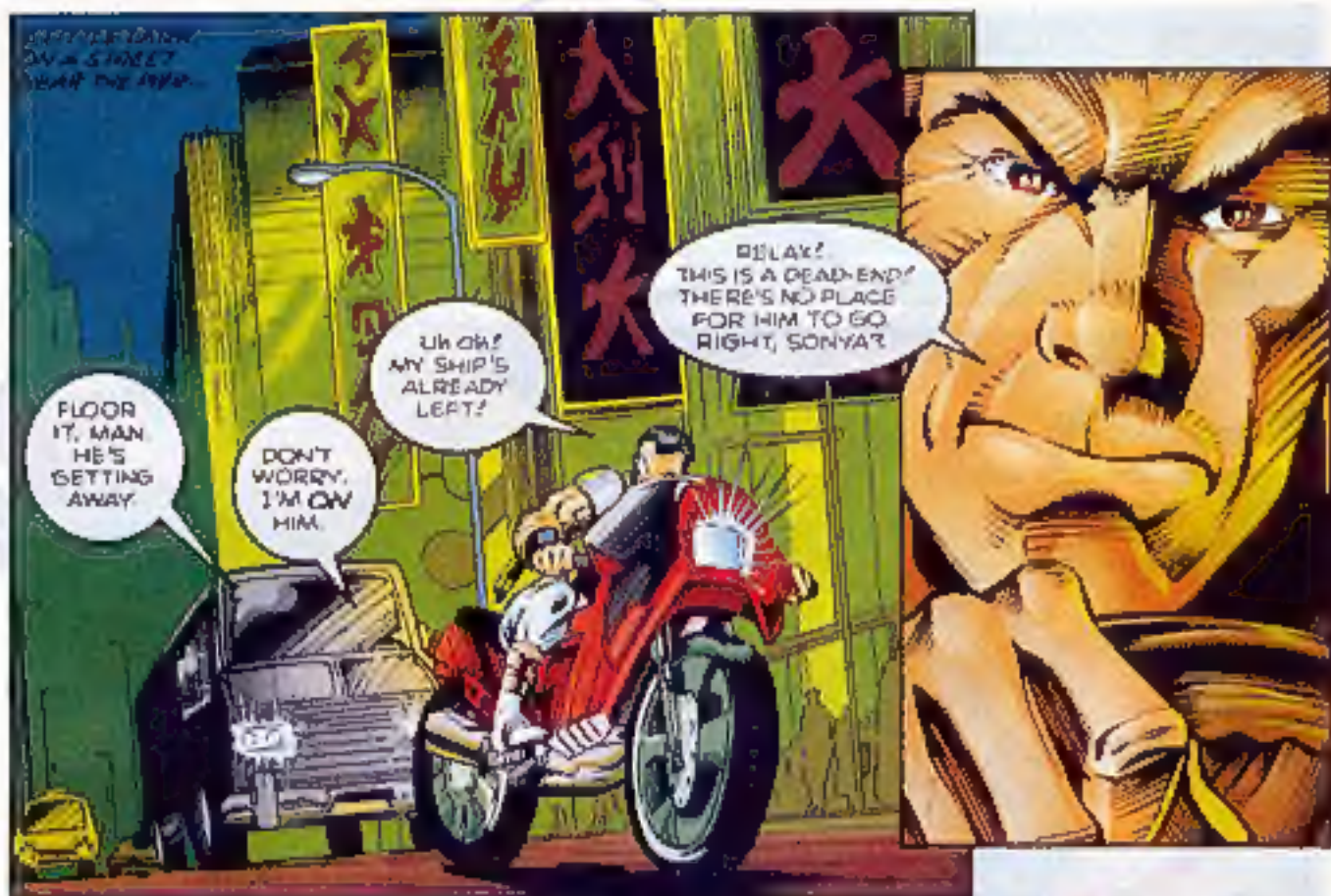
AND THIS TOURNAMENT-- THEY SAY IT'S NOT EVEN A MARTIAL ARTS CONTEST.

I CAN'T EVEN FIND ANYBODY THAT HAS HEARD OF THE FRIGGIN' THING. COME ON, BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.

YEAH, JOHNNY. SHOOTING FOR IRON CLAW BEGINS ON THE 17TH, AND YOU HAVEN'T EVEN READ THE SCRIPT YET.

LISTEN, FOLKS, THIS IS THE STORY.

THE STORY OF MY LIFE.



FLOOR IT, MAN HE'S GETTING AWAY.

DON'T WORRY, I'M ON HIM.

UH OH! MY SHIP'S ALREADY LEFT!

RELAX! THIS IS A DEAD-END! THERE'S NO PLACE FOR HIM TO GO RIGHT, SONYA?



PUSH IT! OF ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE BLACK DRAGON...

THERE'S NOBODY I WANT MORE THAN KANG.



DON'T LOOK NOW, GUYS...



"BUT IT LOOKS LIKE SOMEBODY WANTS TO PLAY CHICKEN WITH THE SPECIAL FORCES BATTLEVAN."

COME ON, SUCKERS! IF YOU WANT SOME OF KANG...

...JUST BRING IT ON.



CRAZY FOOL!
DOESN'T HE
KNOW THIS
BABY IS
BULLET-
PROOF?

WHAT'S
HE DOING
NOW?



WHERE IS HE?
WHAT
HAPPENED?

SAYONARA,
SONYA. IT'S BEEN
FUN...

...BUT I'M
LATE FOR
A DATE.

Thump
adaNpala

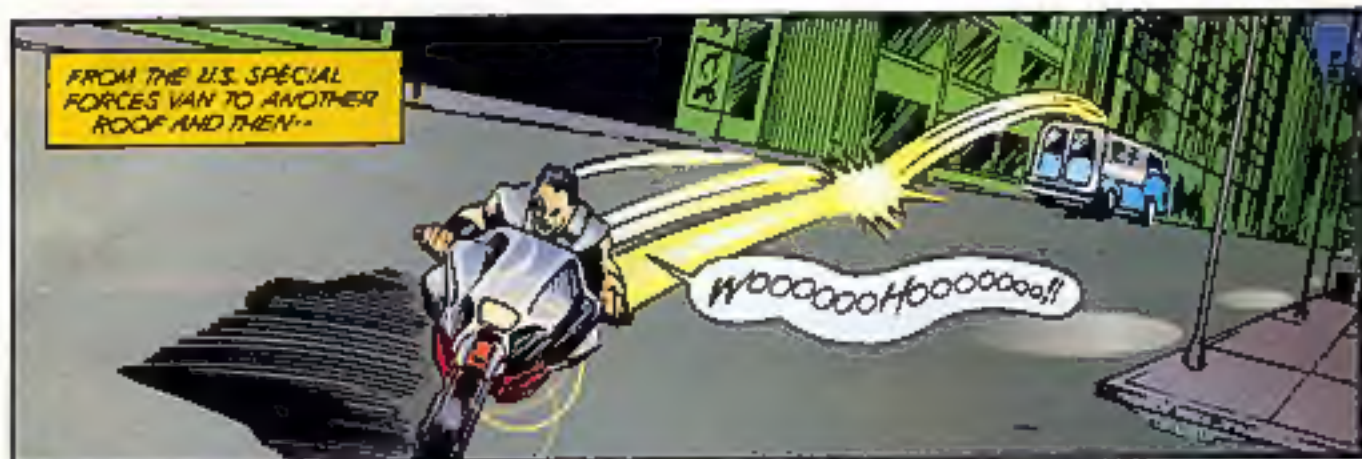
CRIPES! OPEN
UP THE BACK,
SPARKY!



KANO'S
NOT GETTING
AWAY FROM
ME.

NOT
THIS
TIME.

FROM THE U.S. SPECIAL FORCES VAN TO ANOTHER ROOF AND THEN...



KANO MAKES A DESPERATE DIVE TOWARD SHANG TSUNG'S VESSEL.



I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

WHAT AN ODD GROUP! THAT SURE ISN'T THE BLACK DRAGON ON BOARD!



MAYBE WE OUGHT TO OPEN FIRE.

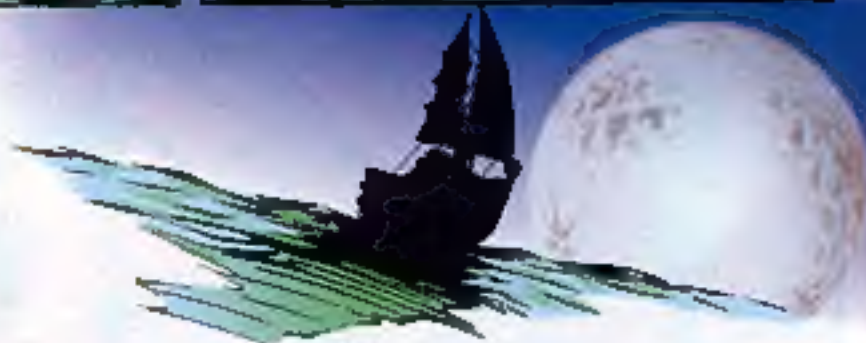
NO, I'LL RADIO AHEAD FOR A SPEEDER BOAT, AND WE'LL INTERCEPT THEM AT SEA...

WHERE THERE'S NO CHANCE OF KANO ESCAPING.



THE BARGE SETS OUT TOWARDS THE EAST CHINA SEA, AND KANO JOINS A GROUP OF NEAR FIFTY OTHER WARRIORS, ALL HEADING TO SHANG TSUNG'S TOURNAMENT.

ALL HEADING TO IMPENDING DOOM.



ON BOARD THE VESSEL
THERE IS MUCH CRUDE
HUMOR AND WILD
LAUGHTER

TO RELAX ONE OF
THE PASSENGERS
FOCUSES ON HIS
INNER BEINGS

HE FOCUSES
ON HIS HOME

HE REMEMBERS HIS
LAST TIME AT HOME
IN THE TEMPLES OF
THE ORDER OF LIGHT
IN THE HONAN
PROVINCE OF
CHINA

NOW LET ME SEE
IF I UNDERSTAND YOU
CORRECTLY

THOUGH WE ARE
ALREADY SENDING A
REPRESENTATIVE TO
SHANG TSUNG'S
TOURNAMENT.

YOU WISH
ANY LEAVE TO
PARTICIPATE
YOURSELF?

"IS THAT CORRECT,
LIU KANG?"

YES, MASTER
WILL I HAVE BEEN
INVITED TO
ATTEND

AND I WILL
BRING THE TITLE
BACK TO THE
ORDER OF
LIGHT.

BOLD WORDS LIU KANG
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN OUR
CURRENT CHAMPION?

HOT SINCE KUNG LAO HAS
THE ORDER OF LIGHT PRODUCED
SUCH AN EXTRAORDINARY
WARRIOR

INDIVIDUALLY, THEY POSSESS EXCEPTIONAL
SKILL AND STRENGTH

THEY ARE THE TWIN
FIGHTING MONKS
SING AND SANG

BUT THEY ALSO HAVE
THE ABILITY TO MERGE
INTO A SINGLE BODY

TWICE
THE STRENGTH.
TWICE
THE SPEED.
TWICE
THE ENDURANCE.

THEY ARE JUNG, THE ORDER OF
LIGHT'S GREATEST
WARRIOR.



HE IS OUR
GREATEST
WARRIOR BUT
I SEE SOMETHING
IN YOUR EYES
THAT MAKES
ME PAUSE

GO LIU
KANG GO AND
HELP END SHANG
TSUNG'S TREACHERY



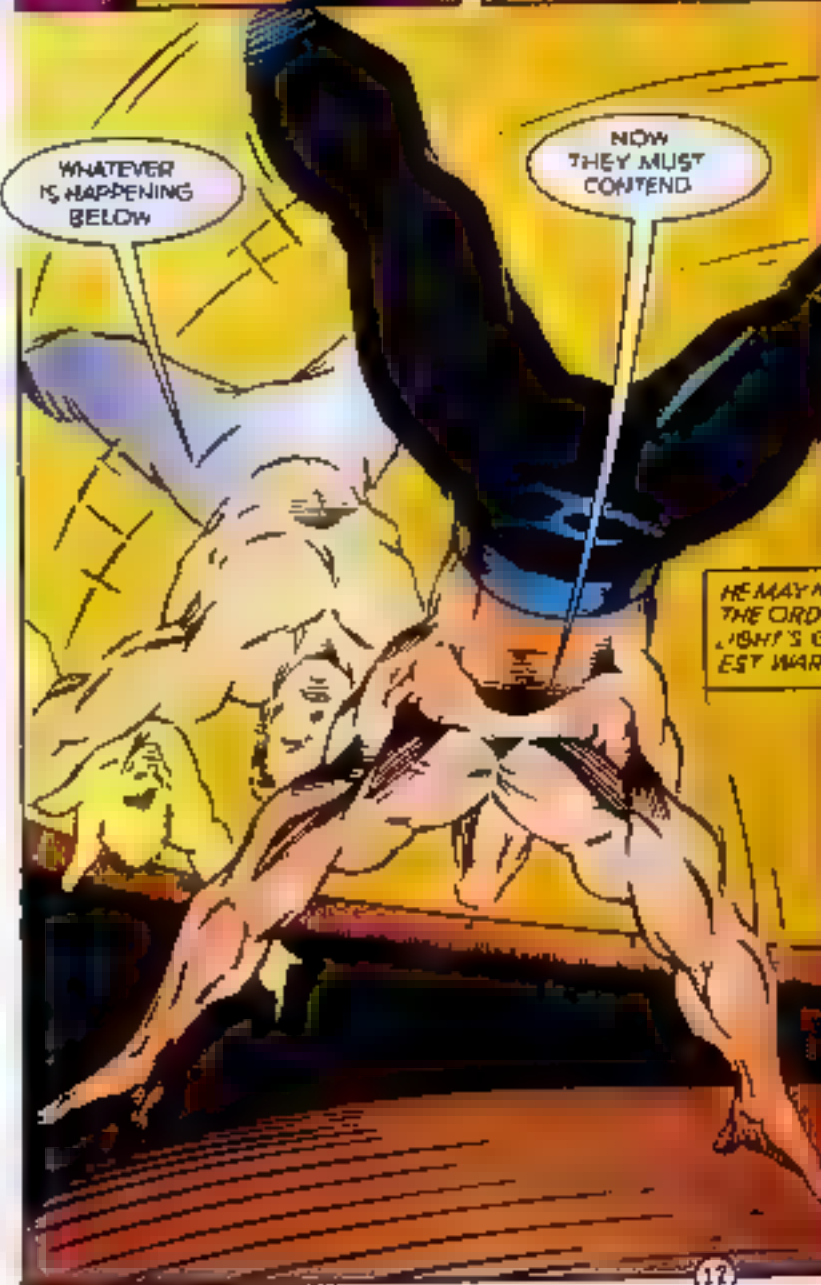
I WILL
NOT FAIL

THAT IS MY
PROMISE



WHAT?

THE SOUNDS OF A NEARBY FIGHT
SNAP LIU KANG BACK TO THE
PRESENT



WHATEVER
IS HAPPENING
BELOW

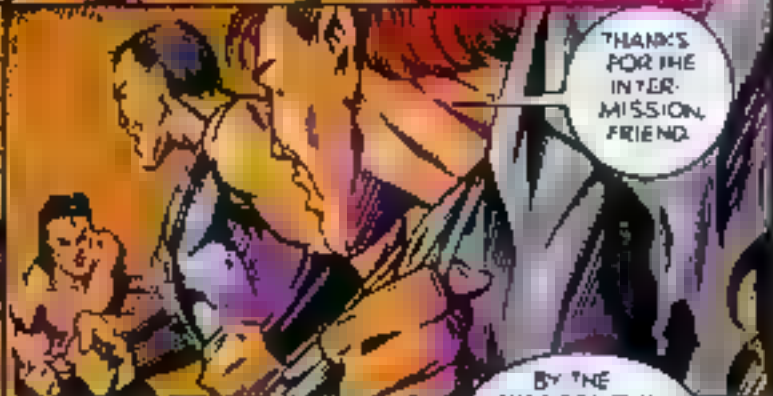
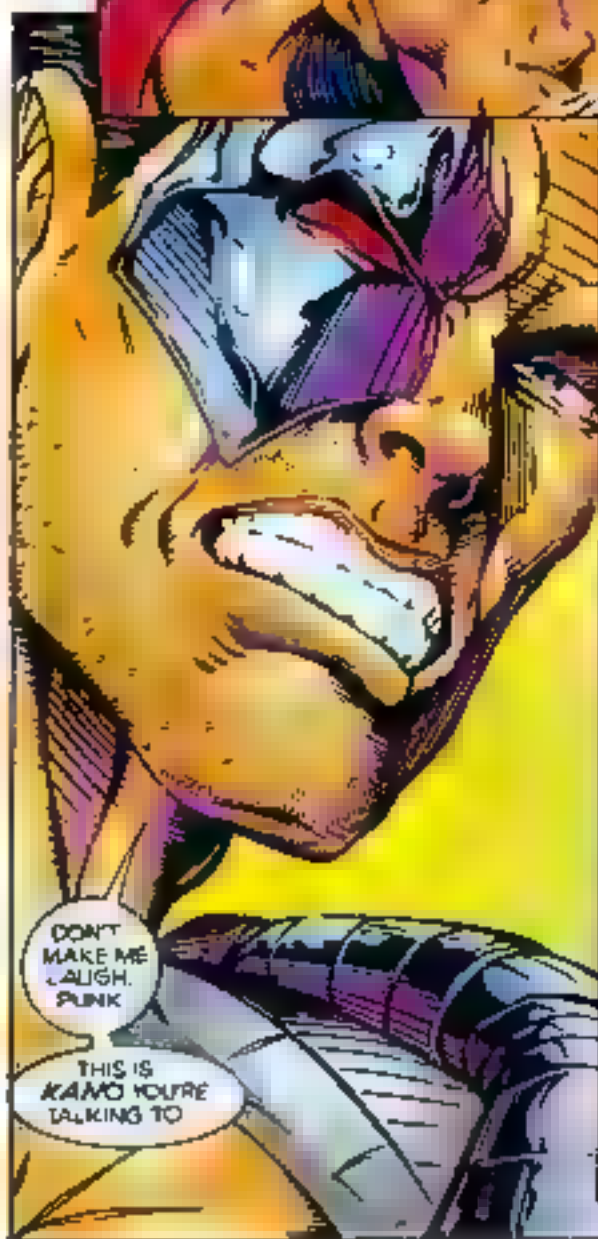
NOW
THEY MUST
CONTENT

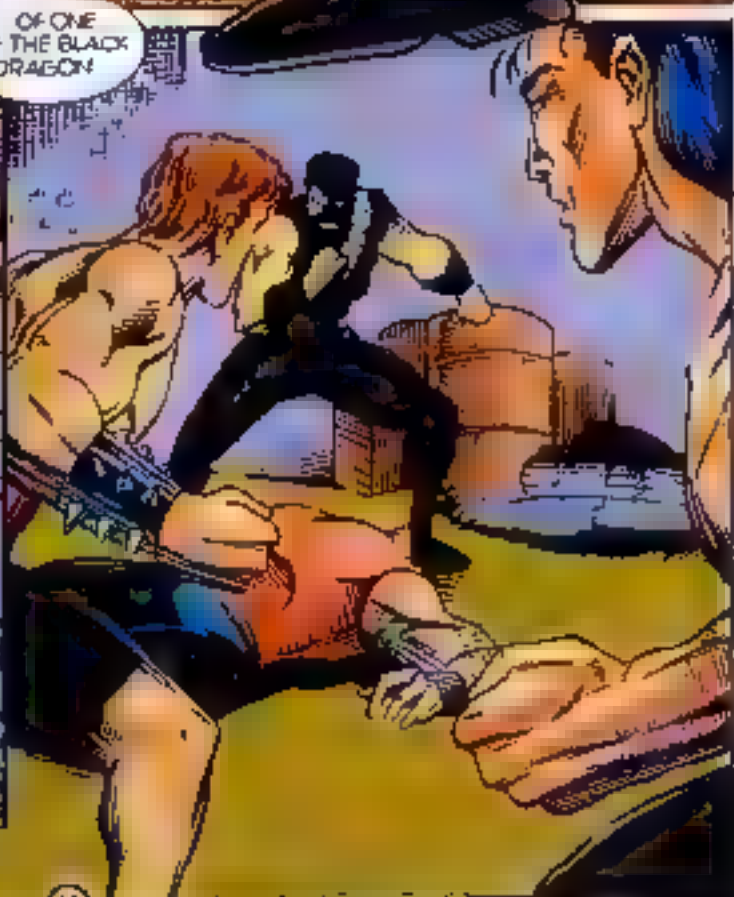
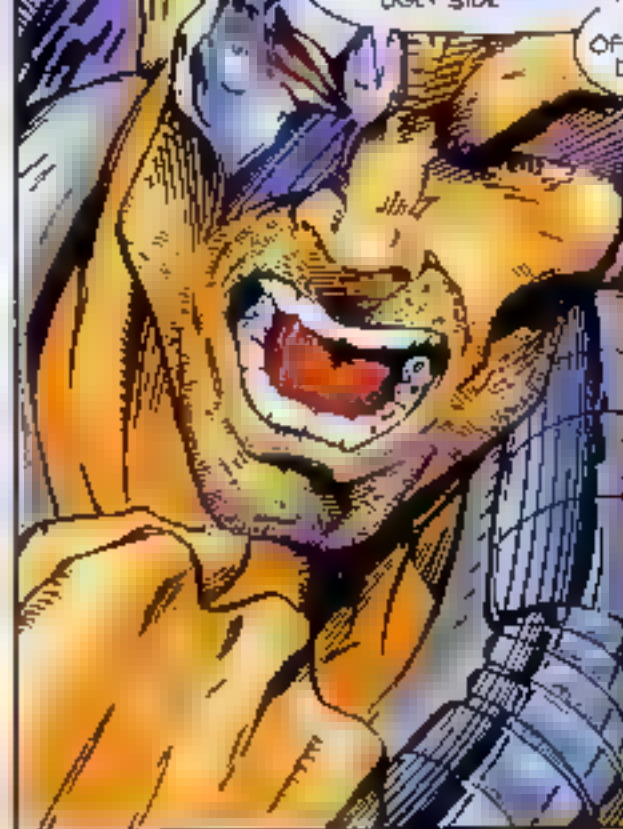
HE MAY NOT BE
THE ORDER OF
J'ONG'S GREAT-
EST WARRIOR



WITH
LIU
KANG

BUT THAT
REMAINS TO
BE SEEN





SINCE YOUR MENTAL FACILITIES SEEM
SO LIMITED, KANO, ONLY PHYSICAL ACTION WILL
SERVE TO SHOW YOU THE ERROR OF YOUR
WAYS!

MOTHER
WORDS, LIGHTS
CAMERA,
TRACTION!

WE HAVE
MADE A LOT
OF ENEMIES THIS
DAY, JOHNNY
CAGE

YOU THINK
THIS IS BAD,
LIL KANG

YOU
OUGHTA
COME TO
HOLLY
WOOD

WADOOOIN

AS THE TWO GET BETTER
ACQUAINTED, THEY FAIL TO
NOTICE THE SHADOW CLAD
FIGURE WATCHING FROM ABOVE

ARRGH!!



WHAT IS IT,
SUB-ZERO?

A PETTY
ALTERCATION,
HYDRO

IT IS NO
CONCERN
OF THE LIN
KUE!



YOU SEEM
DISTRACTED.

IS IT YOUR
THROAT INJURY
AGAIN?



YES, I
HAPPENS
EACH YEAR
AT THIS
TIME.

AND IT
MEANS
THAT HE
IS COMING
BACK.



DO NOT
WORRY MY
FRIEND.

IT WILL NOT
AYAYAYAYAY
AYAYAYAY



WHAT IS
IT HYDRO?
WHAT S HE



NO, I DOES
NOT MEAN THAT
HE IS COMING
BACK

IT MEANS THAT
SCORPION
IS ALREADY HERE

DO YOU NOT REMEMBER
SUB ZERO TWO YEARS AGO
DAYS WHEN WE FACED EACH
OTHER UNDER THE NOONDAY SUN

TWO NINJAS FROM OPPOSING
CLANS SQUARED OFF TO TEST
ONE ANOTHER

MY AIM WAS TRUE

UNFORTUNATELY, SO WAS YOURS

I ALLOWED YOU TO GET
THE UPPER HAND IN OUR
CONTEST

AND WITH A QUICK
JERK YOU ENDED MY
LIFE SUB ZERO

I WAS A DEATH MOST
UNBEEFITTING
ONE OF MY CLAN



I WILL NOT
BE ALLOWED INTO
OUR HALLOWED
VICTORY HALL
UNTIL I HAVE
AVENGED MY
MY DEATH

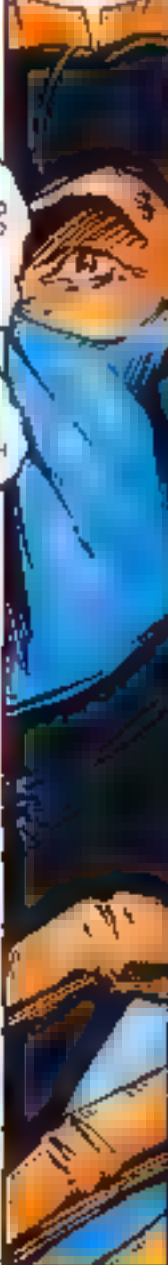
AND MAKE
NO MISTAKE,
SUB-ZERO I
SHALL ACCOMPLISH
THIS TASK

GROAN

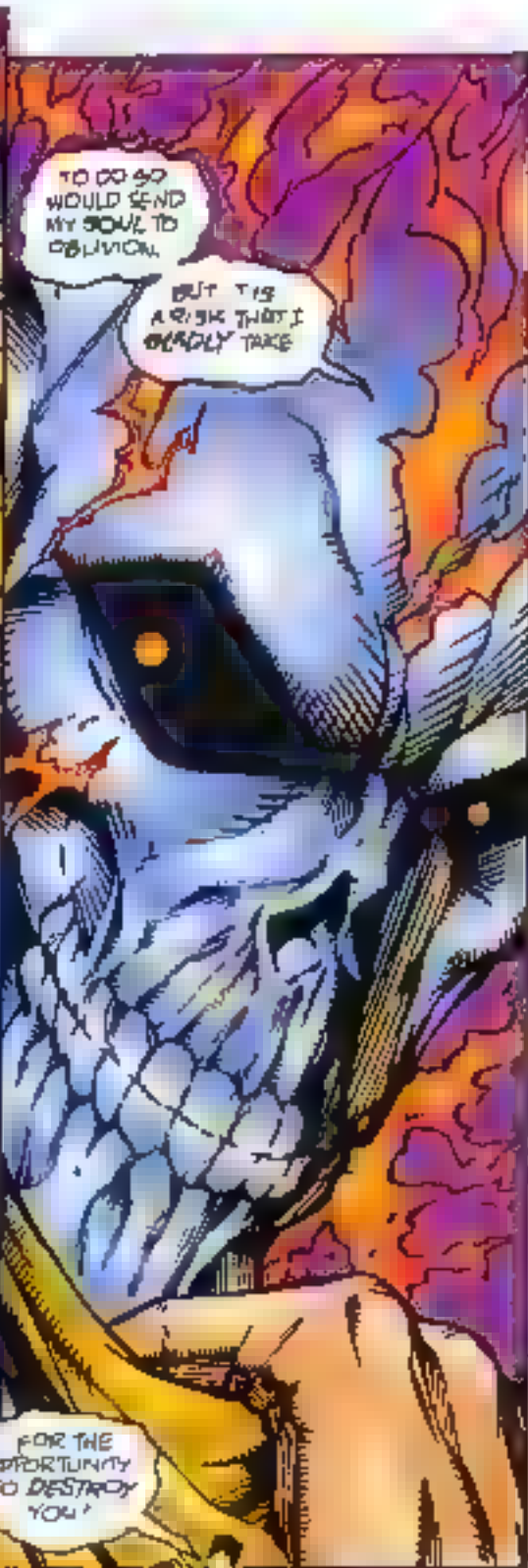
NO
GET
AWAY

IF YOU MEAN
TO SLAY, THEN
DO SO.

I CANNOT
FIGHT A
SPECTRE



OH, IT IS
POSSIBLE
TO SLAY ME
ONCE AGAIN



TO DO SO
WOULD SEND
MY SOUL TO
OBLIVION

BUT THIS
IS A RISK THAT I
GLADLY TAKE

FOR THE
OPPORTUNITY
TO DESTROY
YOU!



SUB ZERO:
MOVE

KAAAAH!

FWOOSH!



YOU SHOULD
FEEL HONORED,
SUB ZERO. THAT
I AM ~~RISKING~~
MY SOUL FOR
YOU.

AND I WILL DO
ANYTHING—EVEN
PROTECT YOU FROM
OTHERS.

TO ENSURE THAT
WHEN THE TIME COMES,
SCORPION
WILL GET TO DELIVER
THE DEATHBLOW.



HE'S GONE. VANISHED
INTO THIN AIR.



ARE YOU
ALL RIGHT,
SUB-ZERO?

I SHOULD NOT HAVE
SHOWN MY FEAR TO HIM.
I WAS A MISTAKE.




HOLD IT RIGHT
THERE OR YOU'LL BE
MAKING AN EVEN
BIGGER MISTAKE.

NOT
AGAIN.



I KNOW
NOT WHO YOU
ARE. BUT I AM
ONE OF THE
LIN KUEI.

TO CROSS
ME NOW WOULD
BE A GRAVE
ERROR.



LISTEN, BUDD.
I DON'T KNOW
WHAT YOUR
PROBLEM IS.

BUT ONE
MORE MOVE
LIKE THAT AND
I'M GONNA BE
YOUR PROBLEM.

THIS MAN'S ON
THIS SHIP, AND I
WANT TO KNOW
WHERE.

YOU DO NOT
UNDERSTAND.

THE
LIN
KUEI.

DO
NOT
HAVE
TO

COOPERATE
WITH ANYONE?

OKAY, BUDDY.
IT'S BEEN A
LONG NIGHT.

AND IT'S
ABOUT TO GET
A LOT LONGER
FOR YOU.

BAH!
YOUR THREATS
MEAN NOTHING
TO ME, WOMAN.

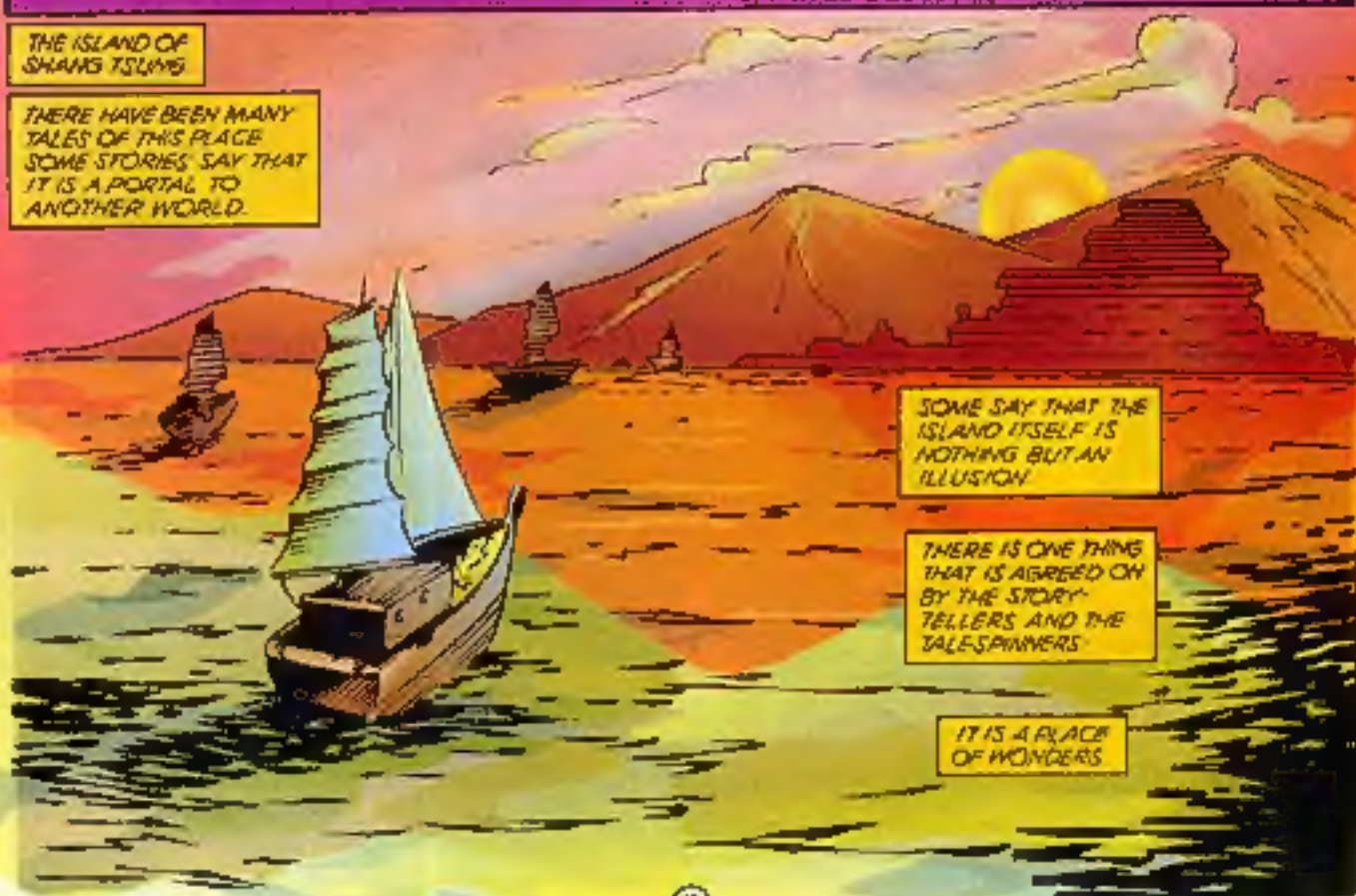
BUT BEFORE THE
HOSTILITIES CAN
ESCALATE, A
STRONG, LOUD
VOICE CAN BE
HEARD FROM
ABOVE.

AND HO!



THE ISLAND OF SHANG TSIUNG

THERE HAVE BEEN MANY TALES OF THIS PLACE. SOME STORIES SAY THAT IT IS A PORTAL TO ANOTHER WORLD.



SOON AFTER

GREETINGS,
NOBLE
WARRIORS.

MY NAME IS
SHANG TSUNG,
AND I BID YOU FAIR
WELCOME.

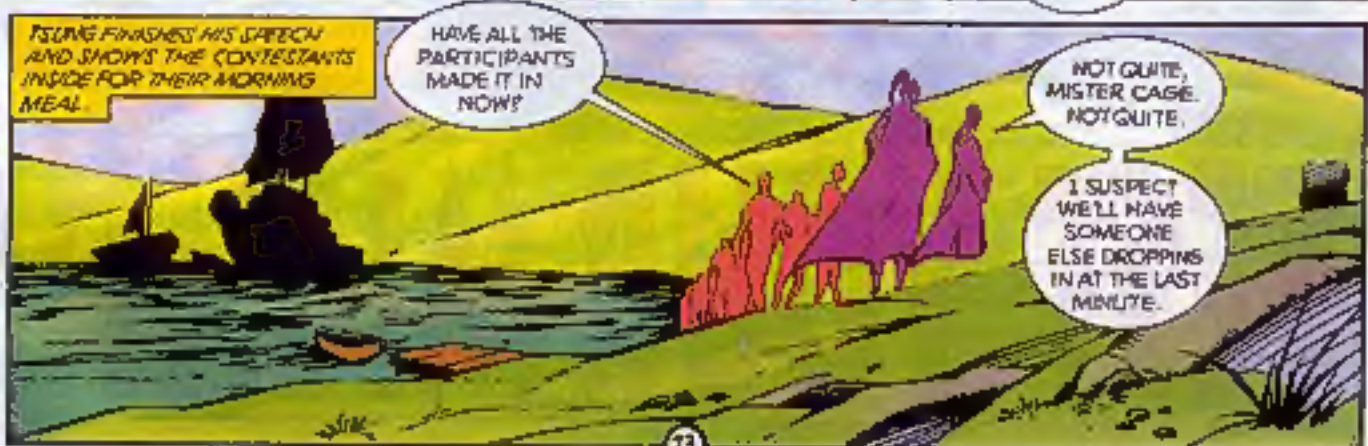
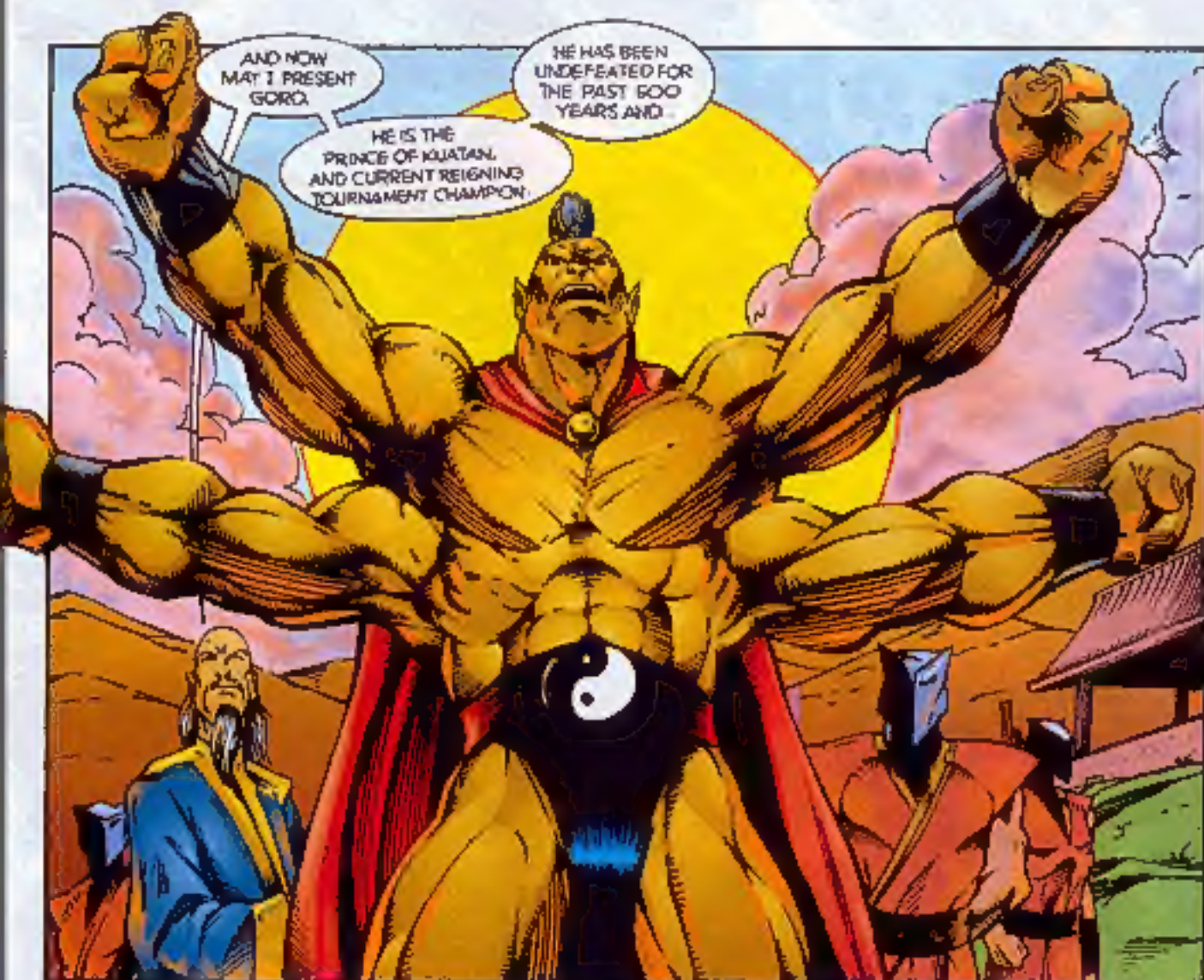
FOR MANY AGES,
THIS TOURNAMENT
HAS BEEN THE
ULTIMATE TEST
FOR HONOR AND
GLORY.


WE HAVE INVITED THE MOST GIFTED
WARRIORS FROM AROUND THE
WORLD TO PARTICIPATE

FROM THE NOBLE ORDER OF LIGHT TO
THE DREADED BLACK DRAGON
ORGANIZATION

WE WANT THE FINEST WARRIORS IN
THE WORLD HERE THIS DAY, FOR HERE
IS WHERE WE PROVE OUR WORTH

THIS IS WHERE
LEGENDS ARE MADE.





FROM THE HEART OF THE
STORM COMES THE
SHAPE OF A MAN

HE DESCENDS FROM THE
HEAVENS IN A BLAZE OF
POWER AND FURY,
CHARGED WITH THE
SALVATION OF ALL
THOSE BELOW

FOR HE IS THE GOD
OF THUNDER, AND
THE FATES HAVE
DECREED THAT HE
MUST WALK THE
EARTH ONCE MORE

HE IS
RAYDEN!

AND RAYDEN KNOWS
THAT DEATH AND
DESTRUCTION WAIT
IN THE WINGS IF HE
IS WEAK

HE HAS BUT ONE
WARNING FOR
THOSE WHO WOULD
OPPOSE HIM
THIS DAY

BEWARE
THE POWER
OF THE
STORM

NEXT: THE TOURNAMENT BEGINS!
JOIN US IN ONE MONTH FOR...

TEST YOUR MIGHT!